

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
May 9, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: LESTER MILLER, CHARLES HAMRICK, LISA CARTER, BUCK MORRIS, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, JASON NICHOLS, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Lofton and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on April 11, 2023, as well as minutes of special called council meetings on April 20, 2023 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, Jeff Hood, Public Works, Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. Blake Marotti, Wynne Water Department, provided a written report. On the motion of Councilperson Hamrick and seconded by Councilperson Nichols, and by consent of all members present, the department reports presented were approved and accepted.

For the First item of business, Corey Williams – SBA spoke to the council about the work they are doing and opportunities for the community since the tornado.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to sign a long-term contract with a FEMA consultant. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Nichols, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted Mayor Hobbs approval to sign a long-term contract with a FEMA consultant.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to enter into a contract with a contractor for debris removal and a monitoring company. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted Mayor Hobbs approval to enter a contract with a contractor for debris removal and a monitoring company.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to enter into a 12-month lease agreement on the building at 187 Murray Street, Wynne, AR 72396 as a Wynne Relief and Recovery facility and pay the lump sum rent amount of \$118,200 up front as well as be responsible for the utility bills for the term of the lease. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Nichols, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted Mayor Hobbs approval to enter 12-month lease agreement on the building at 187 Murray Street, Wynne, AR for the lump sum rent amount of \$118,200 as well as be responsible for the utility bills for the term of the lease.

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 5-9-2023, a Resolution to amend the City of Wynne Personnel Policy Handbook Section 5.1.4 Vacation Accrual Rate – Non-Uniformed Employees. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 5-9-2023 was approved and accepted.

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 889, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 560 regarding mobile home installations within the R-3 zoning areas in the city limits of Wynne, Arkansas. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Nelson made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on the three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Lofton with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 889. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 889 adopted.

Councilperson Lofton with a second from Councilperson Nichols made a motion for the emergency clause. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 890, “AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE AND LIMIT CONDITIONS FOR OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on the three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 890. The following vote carried the motion:

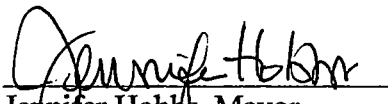
Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		


Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 890 adopted.

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion for the emergency clause. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

With no further business before council and upon motion by Councilperson Miller, second by Councilperson Nichols, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

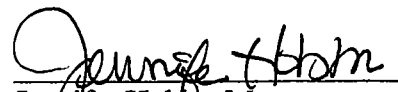
ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk


MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
May 11, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on May 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: LESTER MILLER, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, CHARLES HAMRICK and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. LISA CARTER, KENNETH LOFTON, BUCK MORRIS, AND JASON NICHOLS were not present. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

For the First item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked that due to the weather event on March 31, 2023 that closed our local newspaper, the council approve five (5) public places within Wynne City Limits to publish ordinances to be in accordance with Arkansas Code § 14-55-206. Public places designated were Wynne City Hall, Cross County Courthouse, Hay's North Branch, Hay's South Branch, and Cross County Public Library. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Nelson, and by consent of all members present, the five (5) designated public places for City Ordinance publishing were approved and accepted.

With no further business before council and upon motion by Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Miller, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk

